

\$15,000 BRIBE FIGURES IN MURDER PLOT

WALDO RIDICULES BIG GRAFT "FINDS"

Unsettled to-night; showers probable Thursday.

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WALDO DIGS INTO PRIVATE WEALTH OF HIS OFFICERS

Declares "Big" Realty Deal by
Inspector Was Made on
\$187 Cash.

EXONERATES "CIVILIAN."

Attache's Reported \$75,000
Bank Accounts Total a
Few Hundreds.

It became known to-day through an inquiry at Police Headquarters concerning the reported \$75,000 realty deal by Bayside of an inspector that Commissioner Waldo, within the last two weeks, has had every captain and every inspector under examination with respect to his wealth, particularly his real estate speculations. Mr. Waldo has put some very uncomfortable questions to several subordinates, and these men are still explaining small holdings of property.

When asked by an Evening World reporter for the result of his questioning, Mr. Waldo said that up to the present he had not been able to locate any such amount of Bayside property as \$75,000 worth in the possession of any inspector. He said that one inspector did admit buying some lots on Long Island, near Bayside, and paying \$187 down. He added that, judging from the remarkable growth of bank accounts according to reports emanating from the District-Attorney's office, he would not be surprised to learn that the two transactions were one and the same. **MIGHT BE MISTAKEN; IS OPEN TO PROOF.**

But he said he might be mistaken, and hoped he was, if there was any possibility of showing proof of racialism in the Police Department through the purchase for \$187, or any other sum of large blocks of realty by any inspector.

Mr. Waldo's faith in reports issued from the office of the District-Attorney has been greatly shaken by the result of a private investigation he has made into the personal property, past and present, of a civilian attaché of the department. This particular civilian attaché—the one who has been repeatedly described—was said to have had \$75,000 at one time in two bank accounts, besides untraced wealth in a safety deposit box, which he was reported to have visited every time a certain inspector grew a check.

The net result of Mr. Waldo's probe was the discovery that the "civilian attaché" had two bank accounts. One was a checking account in a commercial bank, and the other a savings bank account. He also found that the attaché had a safety deposit box. So far the account given out in the District-Attorney's office last Thursday night, which was published the following morning in newspapers, was correct, but correct only so far, according to Mr. Waldo.

\$75,000 "HOARD" SHRINKS TO ONLY FEW HUNDREDS.

Instead of the \$75,000 alleged to have been in the two banks at some time or another, their highest total at any time since the two accounts were opened was less than \$200. The checking account now has a balance of \$28, according to the look in by Mr. Waldo, and the savings account is under \$500. As for the contents of the safety deposit box—a very small one, of the \$5 variety—they include a fire insurance policy, some personal letters, the appointment of the official to his present job, some family trinkets, and small pieces of jewelry for men's wear.

It was also learned by the Commissioner, he said, that since the present furor over the grafting question arose, the "civilian attaché" in question took with him witnesses when he opened his safety deposit box and that he is in a position to disprove any suggestion that he removed great wealth on these visits. Mr. Waldo, while still reserving his right to reopen the inquiry of this official as to the conclusion that somebody has been lying, and he now gives the young man a clean bill of health, with the additional guarantee that he is going to stand by him, as he believes absolutely in his integrity.

FOUND TENDERLOIN A VERITABLE KLOONDIKE.

Mr. Waldo said that if any inspector under him has been guilty of crookedness or racialism he sincerely hopes that

AUTO KILLS GIRL ON NIGHT RIDE BY DASH INTO DITCH

Young Southern Woman,
Only Four Days in City,
Meets Tragic Death.

FRIENDS BADLY HURT

Had Made Up Merry Dinner
Party and Were Turning
a Corner.

The wild leap and somersault of a swiftly moving automobile on Oakland street near the town park of Rye early this morning brought sudden death to a young Southern girl, only four days a visitor in New York, serious injuries to two others in the joy riding party, and slight injury and subsequent arrest for the chauffeur.

Miss Lillie Lette, a milliner of Chase City, Va., was killed, her friend, Miss Ruth Dilling of No. 452 Fort Washington avenue was seriously injured, and Ralph McAuley of No. 1502 Broadway, is in Port Chester Hospital.

Miss Lette had been a guest of Miss Dilling during the few days of her visit to New York, which was necessitated by the annual model-buying for her millinery firm. Last night, with McAuley, who is a clerk in one of Rogers Peet & Co.'s stores, the two young women went out for an automobile ride in Westchester. McAuley hired the big two-seated limousine from the garage of Harry J. Benjamin, at No. 156 West Forty-third street. William Meegan, a chauffeur in Benjamin's employ, was at the wheel of the big car when it sped through the Bronx and out onto the country roads. **JOLLY DINNER PRECEDED TRAGEDY OF ROAD.**

After a jolly dinner at Port Chester the party started for Rye Beach, intending to return thence to New York. The chauffeur threw in to "chilly" while the auto was trundling along Oakland street and then he tried to negotiate a turn around the corner of Rye park. The road, newly oiled, gave no clutch to the spinning tires, the machine skidded, one rear wheel went into the gutter and then the whole tonneau rose as the machine leaped into the air and turned turtle. All four occupants were caught underneath the machine.

Meegan, the least hurt, found that he was pinned down only by the jamming of a piece of steel against his coat sleeve. He wiggled out of his coat, rose to his feet and began to call for help. Two policemen of the Rye force came in answer to his calls and the three with their united strength managed to lift the overturned car from its victims. Miss Lette was found beneath the rear seat with her skull split open. Her girl friend lay near her unconscious. McAuley was conscious, but groaning from injuries to his head and back.

ALL THREE ARE RUSHED TO NEAREST HOSPITAL.

One of the policemen secured the use of an automobile from a neighboring garage and hurried all three of the injured to the United Hospital at Port Chester. There Miss Lette died on the operating table while the surgeons were working desperately to save her life. Miss Dilling insisted upon being taken to her home in New York after treatment at the hospital. She reached her home about four o'clock and became hysterical when detailing her experience to her family. Dr. Charles F. A. Locke of No. 610 West One Hundred and Seventieth street was called in and found that the young woman was suffering from a partial concussion of the brain and a dislocated shoulder.

McAuley, who had a wrenched back and whose head was cut in several places, remained until the case of the hospital surgeons until daylight came and was then removed to his home. Meegan the police looked up, pending his examination by Coroner Livingston. The chauffeur refused to make any statement to the police as to how the accident occurred.

Miss Lette's body is in the Rye morgue, pending the receipt of orders for its disposition from her relatives in the South. Meegan, the chauffeur of the wrecked machine, was arraigned in the Rye Police Court shortly before noon and, at the request of Coroner Livingston, was held for further examination. The coroner stated to the Court that there were several phases of the accident which he would like to investigate further before Meegan's case proceeded.

World Building, Turkish Bath, always open. Bath with private room, \$1. Barber and manicure. Chiropodist to attend. 65 Park Row.

Aldermanic Police Graft Probers and Chief Counsel At First Meeting, Held To-Day, to Outline Inquiry

LEFT TO RIGHT—FRANK L. DOWLING, JAMES HAMILTON, O. GRANT ESTERBROOK, EMORY R. BUCKNER (Standing in the Back), HENRY H. CURRAN (Chairman), ROBERT F. DOWNING, W. AUGUSTUS SHIPLEY, RALPH FOLKS.



TAFT'S RUSH ORDER SENDS U. S. TROOPS OFF TO NICARAGUA

Tenth Infantry at Panama Will
Join Marines at Corinto
Within 48 Hours.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—American soldiers will be landed in Nicaragua within the next forty-eight hours. On advice of conditions said to be so serious as to justify not being made public in Washington, President Taft, from Beverly to-day personally directed the immediate movement of the Tenth United States Infantry, now on the Panama Canal Zone, to Nicaragua to guard American lives and property.

United States marines are now being rushed south on the transport Prairie, via Colon, and the cruiser California cannot reach Nicaragua for possibly a week. Despatches of last night and early to-day pictured the situation as being so acute that an immediate movement of a large force of troops was necessary.

The Tenth, recruited to full war strength and fully equipped for campaigning in the tropics, is to be taken aboard merchant ships in the harbor of Panama and rushed to Corinto. They will be dispatched along the line of the railway from Corinto to Managua, the capital, at points where American Minister Welzel and Commander Terhune of the gunboat Annapolis believe they will afford most protection. Col. Henry A. Greene commands the regiment.

One Pacific mail ship now at Panama will sail to-morrow with one battalion of the Tenth, leaving the remainder of the regiment to be brought up to Corinto on other ships.

With the arrival of the Tenth Infantry and the marines now on the way United States forces actually landed in Nicaragua and on American warships available for landing will be increased to about 3,500 men. Further improvement in the situation will be made probably late to-day or to-morrow, when the gunboat Denver arrives at San Juan del Sur, the cable station.

By the operation of the wireless equipment of the Denver at the cable station, and that of the collier Justin, lying at Corinto with women and children aboard, the State Department at Washington practically will be in communication with American Minister Welzel at Managua. The American troops will be expected to keep free from interruption the telegraph lines along the railroad from Managua to Corinto. These lines have been frequently interrupted by small bands of rebels taking stations along the route, and the American force of marines has been inadequate to keep

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TENDERLOIN CAPTAIN SENT TO THE 'GOATS' IN TRIPLE SHAKEUP

Waldo Transfers Three Pre-
cinct Commanders, Reidy
Among Them.

Police Commissioner Waldo announced to-day the transfer of three police captains "for the good of the service." John Teyra is switched from Morrisania to the West Thirty-seventh street station, Edward S. Walling from Westchester to Morrisania and Michael J. Reidy from West Thirty-seventh street to Westchester.

This is Capt. Walling's second switch in five months. He was transferred from the command of Mulberry street station to Westchester.

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CITY GRAFT PROBE IS ORGANIZED FOR EARLY 'TRUTH' HUNT

First Witnesses to Be Called
Probably Next Week,
It Is Decided.

The Curran investigating committee of the Board of Aldermen, which is going to probe into police graft and Police Department affairs, formally met Emory R. Buckner, counsel to the committee, today, at an executive session in the City Hall. Mr. Buckner was introduced by Chairman Curran.

It was announced that the committee would take up matters of organization, namely the engagement of Special Service Chief William J. Flynn, who is to be the chief official investigator to the committee, designate the employment of clerks, stenographers and subpoena servers and determine a date, early in September—probably the first week—when public hearings will begin with taking testimony of witnesses.

GAYNOR AND WALDO AMONG WITNESSES EXPECTED.

Among these witnesses will be Mayor Gaynor, Police Commissioner Waldo, Police inspectors and captains, former police officers who have informed the committee that they are willing to tell how they passed money for protection to the police, and were subsequently driven out of business for failure to pay tribute, women who formerly conducted disorderly houses and were forced to "see the captain," and others who declare they have personal knowledge that police blackmail was extorted.

Chief Counsel Buckner remained throughout the private session of the committee and outlined what his course will be in the investigation, which may continue for several months.

It was decided by the committee to pay Chief Flynn \$500 a month for his services, but it was stipulated that the salary should not continue at this rate for more than five months. The fee of Attorney Buckner was placed at \$1,000 a month. It was also agreed to employ four additional lawyers, one, Nathan Knish, to be retained at \$500 a month, while three others, William A. Moore, Charles S. Guthrie and Louis Lande, whose engagement was ratified by all but the Democratic members of the committee, are to receive \$250 a month during the investigation.

Alderman Frank L. Dowling voted only for the services of Lawyer Knish, who is a former Assistant District-Attorney. The Alderman declared that retaining four additional lawyers was a

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ROSENTHAL KILLED TO COVER THEFT OF PRICE OF SILENCE

New Version of Murder Is That Gam-
blers Gave Rose and Webber
\$15,000 to Bribe Informer
to Quit Town.

WOMAN TELLS OF \$70,000 DEAL BY AN INSPECTOR.

Story of Real Estate Purchase at
Bayside Starts Police Graft
Hunt in New Direction.

A new version of the causes leading up to the murder of Herman Rosenthal is current in the underworld. It is known to crooks and gamblers and hangers-on in thieves' resorts all over town, and has gained circulation through men who are by no means friendly to Lieut. Becker.

The names of gamblers who figure prominently in the tale are freely mentioned. If the District-Attorney does not trail the recital to its source and question men who should be able to confirm it, such a trail will certainly be followed by Becker's counsel, for the new outline of the events leading up to the tragedy, should, if confirmed, strengthen the accused policeman's defense.

The story goes that when Rosenthal, under pressure of what he honestly considered police oppression—for he was morally so galled that he was utterly unable to see why conducting a gambling house was not a legitimate business—began to voice his complaints until they reached the public ear, gamblers with big interests involved took steps to silence him. Knowing Rosenthal, these gamblers realized that he would go the limit if he started to tell what he knew about gambling in New York.

Rosenthal was inspired by no ambition to aid the cause of justice or decency. He was inspired by motives of revenge and smarting under financial loss. Big men in the gambling game who, if Rosenthal "squealed," foresaw a public agitation which would cut deeply into their profits, if not utterly ruin them, resolved to get to the discontented gambler by the route most favored by persons engaged in illegitimate enterprise—the bribery route. They raised it is alleged, \$15,000 with which to buy Rosenthal's silence.

This sum was to be offered to Rosenthal in return for his agreement to quit the city for one year. His lease on the gambling house in West Forty-third street was to be taken off his hands. The leaders in the gambling game decided that with Rosenthal out of the way the public clamor would die down. At the end of a year, they anticipated, Rosenthal could come back and resume his old occupation.

With the plan mapped out and the money raised the next step was to put the matter up to Rosenthal. These big gamblers—men of standing, so to speak, in their profession—had held aloof from the interloper from the east side. None of them wanted to approach him personally. All the gamblers in the Tenderloin knew that "Jack" Rose and "Bridgie" Webber came from Rosenthal's part of town, had been associated with him in business and were presumably his friends and confidants.

ROSE AND WEBBER HELD OUT \$15,000, IS STORY.

Rose and Webber, the underworld story goes, were called into consultation by the big men in the game and asked to put the plan up to Rosenthal. They reported that Rosenthal was agreeable. Thereupon the \$15,000 was turned over to them.

The underworld version is that Webber and Rose did not unfold the scheme to Rosenthal previous to reporting to the unnamed gamblers that he regarded it with favor. Instead, the crooks say, these worthies said one to the other: "What's the use, when we can get him fixed for \$15,000?"

A roundup of the tale current among crooks and gamblers is that Rose and Webber appropriated the \$15,000 to their own use. The gamblers who had put up the money soon found to their amazement that Rosenthal was still in town and talking more than ever. They sent for Webber and Rose, who assured them that Rosenthal was only too

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